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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due March 18, 2003. A Petition for a two-month Extension of Time is included herewith, extending the time to response to May 18, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter and Petition for Extension of Time;
- Check;
- Appendix A; and
- Postcard.

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